AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims, as follows:

Claims 1 to 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (new): A method comprising:

identifying, based upon respective input/output (I/O) resource information obtained from one or more respective hosts in a network, most current I/O resource information comprised in the respective I/O resource information; and

modifying other I/O resource information stored at another host in the network based upon the most current I/O resource information.

Claim 18 (new): The method of claim 17, wherein:

the network comprises a network cluster; and

the respective I/O resource information identifies configuration and allocation of I/O resources in the network cluster.

Claim 19 (new): The method of claim 17, further comprising:

obtaining, by the another host, one or more addresses of the one or more respective hosts in the network.

Claim 20 (new): The method of claim 17, wherein:

the respective I/O resource information includes time and date stamp information.

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 17, wherein:

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the modifying comprises modifying the other I/O resource information to conform to the

most current I/O resource information.

Claim 22 (new):   An apparatus comprising:

a first host capable of:

identifying, based upon respective input/output (I/O) resource information

obtained from one or more other hosts in a network, most current I/O resource information

comprised in the respective I/O resource information; and

modifying other I/O resource information stored at the first host based upon the

most current I/O resource information.

Claim 23 (new):   The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:

the network comprises a network cluster; and

the respective I/O resource information identifies configuration and allocation of I/O

resources in the network cluster.

Claim 24 (new):   The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising:

obtaining, by the first host, one or more addresses of the one or more other hosts.

Claim 25 (new):   The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:

the respective I/O resource information includes time and date stamp information.

Claim 26 (new):   The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:

the modifying comprises modifying the other I/O resource information to conform to the

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most current I/O resource information.

Claim 27 (new): Computer program instructions stored in a computer readable medium that when executed result in performance of operations comprising:

identifying, based upon respective input/output (I/O) resource information obtained from one or more respective hosts in a network, most current I/O resource information comprised in the respective I/O resource information; and

modifying other I/O resource information stored at another host in the network based upon the most current I/O resource information.

Claim 28 (new): The instructions of claim 27, wherein:

the network comprises a network cluster; and

the respective I/O resource information identifies configuration and allocation of I/O resources in the network cluster.

Claim 29 (new): The instructions of claim 27, wherein the instructions when executed also result in:

obtaining, by the another host, one or more addresses of the one or more respective hosts.

Claim 30 (new): The instructions of claim 27, wherein:

the respective I/O resource information includes time and date stamp information.

Claim 31 (new): The instructions of claim 27, wherein:

the modifying comprises modifying the other I/O resource information to conform to the most current I/O resource information.

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